

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Roger A. Stern et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2005**

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, applicants submit the following response. This response is being timely filed on the extended due date of March 13, 2005 because March 12, 2006 falls on a weekend.

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